



# State of Utah

## Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council

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### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2002**

**10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Room 127, State Capitol Building**

**Present:** Steve Haddon proxy for Heather Borski, Rep. Scott Daniels, Emery Jones, Verne Larsen, Harold Morrill, Larry Petersen, Ned Searle and Dr. Charles Walton

**Staff:** Susan Burke and Diane Ngatuvai

**Visitors:** Steve Harrison

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#### **Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

Action Taken: *Harold Morrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2002 meeting. The motion was seconded by Emery Jones and was unanimously approved.*

#### **USAAV Council Update**

Susan Burke noted that she has received registration letters received at a Utah State Fair Booth that advocated Governor Leavitt legalizing marijuana use for medical purposes. Dr. Walton submitted that there has been no groundswell of support from the American Medical Association for this cause; it has not been studied. The USAAV Council fundamentally does not support the idea. It was determined that the USAAV Executive Committee should determine how best to approach the issue.

#### **Sentencing Options for Non-Violent Drug Offenders Update**

Susan Burke reported that the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Interim Committee presentation was very successful. Judge Shumate's remarks were well received. No action was taken, however, the legislators present were very responsive.

#### **Treatment for Drug Offenders Bill**

Action Taken: *Harold Morrill made a motion that the Substance Abuse Services subcommittee work closely with Senator Buttars and the Vera Institute to give input and support to this bill. Larry Petersen seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Susan will contact Senator Buttars requesting that he attend a future subcommittee meeting to discuss the bill. Rep. Daniels commented that the selling point for the bill is that it is the right thing to do for public safety.*

### **SICA and Utah's Role in Substance Abuse Prevention**

Steve Harrison gave a presentation on Utah's role in substance abuse prevention through the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA). The Utah SICA is funded by the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) for three years (through September, 2003) at \$2,900,000 a year. It will likely be extended. The unique aspect of this agreement is that it looks at a community as a whole and determines the gaps that are found in the community prevention services. All of the 13 local authorities have gone through the complete planning process and developed and begun to implement a comprehensive prevention plan for their areas.

### **Other Items**

Prevention Dimensions: Verne Larsen will travel to Washington, D.C. to receive an award on behalf of the State of Utah for their exemplary substance abuse prevention programs.

### **Utah Crime Reduction Plan: Drug Reduction Measures**

The following suggestions were given as ways to measure drug reduction for the Utah Crime Reduction Plan:

- Arrest records
- Hospital emergency room records
- Utah State Office of Education has school delinquency records
- Youth treatment data
- Hospital admissions
- Results from the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey (PNA), Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS), Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and ADAM data.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Services Subcommittee will be held on **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the State Capitol Building.**